



grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of AGF's operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2002)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The People and AGF have satisfied Section 103.302. AGF denies the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2002), *as amended by P.A. 93-575*, (eff. Jan. 1, 2004)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. AGF agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, which the parties agree is "greater than the economic benefit arising from noncompliance." Stipulation at 8. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

### **ORDER**

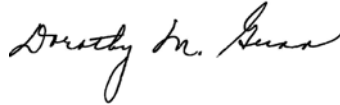
1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
2. AGF must pay a civil penalty of \$20,000 no later than November 22, 2004, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. AGF must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and AGF's federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. AGF must send the certified check or money order by first class mail to:  
  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Fiscal Services Division  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2002)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2002)).

5. AGF must cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board regulations that were the subject of the complaint as outlined in Section V of the stipulation and proposed settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on October 21, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board